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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, IS, JO
SUBJ: THE WEIZMAN TOUCH

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL WEST BANK MAYORS HAVE GIVEN
US A BETTER FEEL FOR THE CHEMISTRY OF RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN
ISRAELI DEFMIN WEIZMAN AND WEST BANK MAYORS. BY ALL ACCOUNTS,
WEIZMAN HAS A DEFT TOUCH IN DEALING WITH PALESTINIANS.

2. HEBRON MAYOR QAWASMAH TOLD CONGEN JUNE 27 THAT WEIZMAN
HAD ASKED TO SEE HIM IN HIS HOME FOR A TETE-A-TETE BEFORE
THEIR PUBLIC MEETING AT THE MUNICIPALITY JUNE 20. IN PRIVATE,
WEIZMAN WAS EVEN MORE FORTHCOMING THAN IN PUBLIC AND AGREED
WITH THE MAYOR THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MORATORIUM ON ISRAELI
SETTLEMENTS AS LONG AS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON,
ACCORDING TO QAWASMAH. FOR THE SHORT TRIP TO CITY HALL,
WEIZMAN SUGGESTED TO A PLEASANTLY SURPRISED QAWASMAH THAT
HE RIDE WITH THE MAYOR IN THE MAYOR'S CAR.

3. QAWASMAH TOLD CONGEN WITH OBVIOUS PRIDE THAT KING HUSSEIN
HAD INSTRUCTED GOJ PM BADRAN TO QUERY THE MAYOR ON THE
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SIGNIFICANCE OF WEIZMAN'S VISIT. THE MAYOR SAID HE HAD REASSURED
THE JORDIANS.

4. RAMALLAH'S MAYOR KHALAF ALSO DERIVED A VERY FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION OF WEIZMAN FROM THEIR MEETING IN FEBRUARY. ACCORDING
TO KHALAF, THE DEFMIN INSISTED THAT ISRAELI OFFICERS SPEAK
EITHER ARABIC OR ENGLISH DURING THE MEETING. SINCE THAT TIME,

THE DISTRICT MILGOV HAD BEHAVED EXTREMELY POLITELY TO THE
EXTENT OF MAKING A SPECIAL POINT TO WISH THE MAYOR A SAFE
JOURNEY TO THE US, KHALAF SAID.
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